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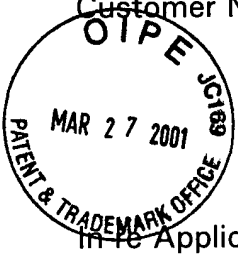
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin M. GORMAN, David R. PATTERSON, Jeffrey M. LINNEN and Keming SONG

Serial No.: 09/494,332 Art Unit: 1655
Filed: January 28, 2000 Examiner: J. GOLDBERG
For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE PRIMERS FOR EFFICIENT MULTIPLEX DETECTION OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

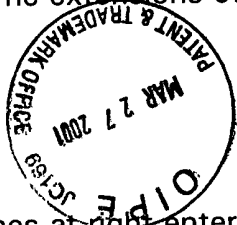
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Sir:

This is a petition to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2000 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the time period for responding to the Office Action be extended for a period of one month, from March 14, 2001 up to and including April 14, 2001.

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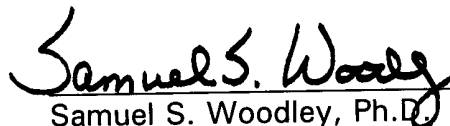
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